



Joseph (Bo) Centanni

July 10, 1937 - March 1, 2014

Joseph (Bo) Centanni passed bravely from this life to be with Jesus, surrounded by his family on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Bo was born in New Orleans on July 10, 1937 and resided in Metairie for the past 59 years. He attended St. Henry School and was a graduate of DeLaSalle High School. Bo is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Lupe Banda Centanni; his proud children, Gina C. Becnel (Mike), Joe Centanni (Alene), Bruce Centanni (Lilly), Vincent Centanni (Dorinda) and Tommy Centanni (Tracey); his loving nine grandchildren and ten precious great grandchildren; his brother, Anthony Centanni; sisters, Rosalie C. Jemison, Nancy C. Pumilia and Mary Louise C. LaGrange; brother-in-law, Robert LaGrange; sister-in-law, Rocky B. Dupry; and 17 caring nieces and nephews. Bo was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Centanni and Mary Bernardo Centanni.

Bo was a mentor in the National Guard and worked there for 39 years. He was an active member, until his death, of the Washington Artillery Veterans Association, Knights of Columbus (Past Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus St. Roch Council No. 3803), Delta Lyons Club and worked tirelessly for the underprivileged. Bo was a member of the Elphage Tulane Booster Club, a great Tulane fan and attended every game he could. He attended Manresa for the last 15 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 6425 West Metairie Ave., Metairie on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 12:00 noon. Visitation will begin at the church after 10:00

a.m. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

121 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
6425 West Metairie Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003

Funeral Mass

MAR 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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6425 West Metairie Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph (Bo) Centanni*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

RJ

“ What can I say that hasn't already been said about my sweet dear, brother. His sense of humor, mostly concerning us, (his sisters and brother) will be sorely missed. We met at our "infamous McDonald's" at least twice a week and sometimes three times a week for coffee and laughs,(all five of us). We laughed mostly remembering the things we did, and said, as we were growing up. We talked about our parents almost every week and found something to laugh about. We told funny stories about our kids. They were all close then and now.

Joe loved Tulane and my husband and children all graduated for LSU and he always said he would not hold that against us, and teased me all the time.

He loved his family (Lupe and his five children deeply) He would and did everything with them in mind. I can't remember his saying anything ugly about anyone. I m sure he got angry, but not around me. If you needed any kind of help he was right there. I know I called him many times when I was younger to come fix my car or get his advice if something was broken.And when he needed us we were all there. We learned from him.

People would comment "you guys are pretty close" and we were. We were "one" and we will miss him terribly

Lupe, thank you for taking care of my brother. Nieces and nephews, thank you for being so loveable to your father. He was GREAT PERSON!!!

Rosalie Centanni Jemison

Rosalie C. Jemison - March 09, 2014 at 07:09 PM

LB

“ *Mrs. Lupe and Family,
I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Joe's passing. I remember him as such a caring man, always helping, with a big smile on his face. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Lisa Bryant Guiteau*

Lisa Bryant - March 09, 2014 at 05:54 PM

DB

“ *Aunt Nancy, your words cannot have been put any better, We have lost a wonderful part of our family. I have gotten to know him so much better in these past few years. He was a man of few words but full of wisdom like Solomon, He was a man after Gods' own heart like David, He was afflicted with illness but always thanked God, like Job. He was giving and kind and loving, compassionate, humble (the good Samaritan) He was like Jesus and said let the children come to me. You would never know some of these things because he never bragged, but if you were hungry, he made sure you had food, if you needed a place to stay his door was always open. Sometimes I felt he was being taken advantage of, but that wasn't the case. He was just that way. He was very FUNNY, too. Although I didn't think it funny that he made me the same license plate he made for Gina ! Weezie as only he could say, always made fun of your cakes. He just made fun of you for anything Aunt Nance, quick witted !He would not let me sit next to my dad, he said that was his spot, and my dad (his brother) agreed. Oh, how you will be missed, My prayers go out for my cousins, and Aunt Lupe, and the rest of our family. but thank you God for giving us such a wonderful gift. I love you, Uncle Bo, your niece, Debree*

Debra Bartholomew - March 08, 2014 at 11:14 PM

NP

“ I will miss you tremendously, my precious brother. You were the glue that held everyone in tact. You could always find something positive to say even in the hardest and most difficult times. your kind, compassionate Spirit will live in my heart forever.

Your life journey is over, now a new one begins God has called you home and I am sure His words for you were ...":Well done, my good and faithful servant. you have fought the good fight - now enter into the heavenly home of your Father.

My love for you will never die.....when I get to heaven, I know you will be there to greet me.
your sister, Nancy

nancy Pumilia - March 08, 2014 at 10:20 PM

DT

“ I have lots of good memories of Joe through the National Guard. Devon Thomas (MSG/1SG Retired)
205th Engr Bn. Bogalusa, LA.

Devon Thomas - March 08, 2014 at 08:09 PM

AR

“ Joe and I worked together in the 3628 Ordinance Company DAS. Many fond memories of the years we spent together. My sympathy to all your family Lupi. We had many good times together while visiting at your home. However after Hurricane Betsy we moved from Arabi to Raceland. Sorry to have lost touch since. Will never forget you and your dear Joe. Also all those sweet children. All our love and prayers. Arlen and Lillie Badeau

Arlen - March 08, 2014 at 01:48 PM

AB

“ Dear Lupe and family,
Please know that our love and prayers are with all of you at this time of sorrow.
May God comfort you and know that your love Joe is with him in Heaven.
All our love,
Arlen and Lillie Badeau

Arlen & Lillie Badeau - March 08, 2014 at 01:32 PM

WL

“ His brave and uplifting spirit encouraged everyone. He was our very own cheerleader. it always impressed me that he could see the good in everyone he knew and genuely enjoyed each individual, always recalling with fondness something special about that person. His quick wit and special sense of humor endeared him to family, friends, and coworkers, just because everyone Bo knew meant very much to him. We may never know how many people he help benefit by his humble service to others, he simply never said.
He was so kind and generous and now he is experiencing the rewarding generosity of his Heavenly Father.
What a beautiful example to all of us. Will miss you terribly brother.... until we meet again.
Little Sis,
Weasie

Weasie Centanni LaGrange - March 08, 2014 at 11:16 AM

PJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of SGM. Centanni's passing, He was my first Platoon Sgt. when I returned from basic training. I shared many hours and great memories with him, Condolences to The family and friends, Heaven gained a great man. Paul Burke Jr.



Paul Burke Jr - March 08, 2014 at 10:27 AM

ER

“ My condolence to Joe (Bo) Centanni's family members. I am so sad to hear this news. Joe was a fine man and outstanding military soldier and I always admired, respected and appreciated him every time our paths cross over in the National Guard.

*"No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it, And only God can tell us why."*

Earl Santos (Col. Ret.)

Earl Santos (Col. Ret) - March 06, 2014 at 09:58 AM

EH

*My prayers go to Joe's family. He will be missed.
Emile Henriquez- WAVA member*

Emile Henriquez - March 08, 2014 at 08:47 PM

CW

“ A Tribute to SGM Joseph (Bo) Centanni, Louisiana National Guard Veteran

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, “TAPS.” It’s the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. The words are:

Day is done.

Gone the sun.

From the lakes

From the hills.

From the sky.

All is well.

Safely rest.

God is nigh.

Fading light.

Dims the sight.

And a star.

Gems the sky.

Gleaming bright.

From afar.

Drawing nigh.

Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.

For our days.

Neath the sun

Neath the stars.

Neath the sky

As we go.

This we know.

God is nigh.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

It's the Soldier, not the pastor/preacher, who has given us freedom of religion and worship.

It's the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.

It's the Soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble and demonstrate.

It's the Soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians that ensures our right to vote, ensures our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

It's the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

ETERNAL REST GRAN THEM O'LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

COL (Ret) Calvin & Jan Washispack - March 05, 2014 at 06:25 PM



“ THE FINAL INSPECTION

Joe, as a professional Soldier, stood and faced God, which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward Joe, How shall I deal with you?

Have you always turned the other cheek? To my church have you been true?

Joe squared his shoulders and said, “No Lord, I guess I ain’t. Because those of us who carry guns can’t always be a saint. I’ve had to work most Sundays and at times my talk was tough, And sometimes I’ve been violent, because the world is awfully rough.

But, I have never took a penny that wasn’t mine to keep.

Though I worked a lot of overtime when the bills got just to steep. And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear, And sometimes, God forgive me, I’ve wept unmanly tears. I know I don’t deserve a place among the people here; They never wanted me around except to calm their fears. If you’ve a place for me here, Lord, It needn’t be so grand; I never expected or had too much, but if you don’t, I’ll understand.”

There was a silence all around the throne where the saints had often trod.

As Joe waited quietly, for the judgment of his God.

“Step forward Joe, You’ve borne your burdens well,

Walk peacefully on Heavens streets; you’ve done your time in Hell.”

CW

“ *Ms Lupe, children and families of Joe Centanni - I knew Joe from the National Guard. Although, I never served directly with him in the same unit, I knew him very well. He was a very dedicated and professional Soldier. He cared for his Soldiers and did his job in a very professional manner. Jan and I want to express our deepest sympathies to the entire family and friends.*

COL (Ret) Calvin & Jan Washispack - March 05, 2014 at 06:12 PM

EG

“ *I worked with Joe at the barracks for many years. He truly was a mentor and a great friend. Our deepest sympathies to his family.*

*Loretta and Eddie Guidroz
Katy, Texas*

Edwin & Loretta Guidroz - March 05, 2014 at 06:12 PM

BR

I met Joe in 1992 when I was Transferred to the 204th ASG and I was assigned to the same section as he was there as two fill time technicians for the National Guard we worked hand and hand to complete our missions and after all was done we enjoyed the company of our fellow soldiers before departing for our homes. He was a very good friend and mentor to me and the other soldiers assigned to the section and the unit. May he rest in peace .

Bonnie St Germain (Sgt Ret.) - March 05, 2014 at 07:14 PM

BC

We are so very sorry to loose a long time and good friend. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Boopie and Lynn

Boopie and Lynn Courrage - March 05, 2014 at 08:17 PM